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1. LEBANON. THE SITUATION IN BEIRUT REMAINS TENSE AS LEBANESE LEADERS STRUGGLE TO FIND A WAY OF DISENGAGING THE COMBATANTS AND REACHING A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE SYRIANS AND CHRISTIANS. MOST OF THE CIVILIANS FROM CHRISTIAN BEIRUT HAVE FLED TO THE MOUNTAINS, LEAVING THE STREETS OF EAST BEIRUT RUBBLE-STREWN AND DESERTED. MEANWHILE, BOTH THE SYRIANS AND THE CHRISTIANS APPEAR TO BE CONTINUING PREPARATIONS FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF FIGHTING. WHILE NEITHER SIDE APPEARS TO BE PREPARING TO LAUNCH A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE, EACH SEEMS WILLING TO ENGAGE THE OTHER IF FIGHTING BREAKS OUT AGAIN.

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